PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES $Monday, \, July \,\, 22, \, 2002$

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, please be advised that I will not be voting on Monday, due to a commitment in my District. Had I been present, the record would reflect that I would have voted on:

- (1) H.R. 1209—Child Status Protection Act, "yea";
- (2) H.R. 4558—To Extend The Irish Peace Process Cultural And Training Program, "yea";
- (3) S.J. Res. 13—Conferring Honorary Citizenship On the Marquis de Lafayette, "yea";
- (4) H.R. 3892—Judicial Improvements Act, "yea";
- (5) H.R. 4870—Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act, "yea";
- (6) H.Ř. 1401—California Five Mile Regional Learning Center Transfer Act, "yea";
- (7) H.R. 3048—Russian River Land Act, "yea";
 (8) H.R. 3258—Reasonable Right-of-Way
- Fees Act, "yea";
- (9) H.R. 3917—Flight 93 National Memorial Act, "yea";
- (10) H.R. 2990—Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Improvement Act, "yea";
- (11) H.R. 4940—Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act, "yea";
- (12) H.R. 5055—Authorizing The World War II Battle Of The Bulge Memorial, "yea";
- (13) H.R. 3645—Veterans Health-Care Items Procurement Improvement Act, "yea";
- (14) H.R. 5138—True American Heroes Act, "yea";
- (15) H.R. 4901—Keep Monticello On The Nickel Act, "yea";
- (16) H. Con. Res. 439—Honoring Corinne "Lindy" Claiborne Boggs On The Occasion Of The 25th Anniversary Of The Founding Of The Congressional Women's Caucus, "yea";
- (17) H. Res. 471—Recognizing The Contributions Of Paul Ecke, Jr. To The Poinsettia Industry, "yea";
- (18) H. Res. 492—Expressing Gratitude For The World Trade Center Cleanup And Recovery Efforts At The Fresh Kills Landfill On Staten Island, NY, Following The Terrorist Attacks Of September 11, 2001, "yea";
- (19) H.R. 5145—William C. Cramer Post Office Building, "yea";
- (20) H. Con. Res. 352—Sense Of Congress That Federal Land Management Agencies Should Implement The Western Governor's Association "Collaborative 10-year Strategy For Reducing Wildland Fire Risks To Communities And The Environment", "yea";
- (21) H. Res. ____—Sense Of The House That Major League Baseball And The Players Association Should Implement A Mandatory Steroid Testing Program. "yea":
- Steroid Testing Program, "yea";
 (22) H. Con. Res. 385—Sense Of Congress
 The Secretary Of Health And Human Services
 Should Conduct Research On Certain Tests
 To Screen Ovarian Cancer, "yea";
- (23) H. Con. Res. 188—Sense Of Congress That The Government Of The People's Republic Of China Should Cease Its Persecution Of Falun Gong Practitioners, "yea";
- (24) H.R. 3487—Nurse Reinvestment Act, "yea";
- (25) H.R. 3969—Freedom Promotion Act, "yea."

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE COM-MUNITY OF WEST LEIPSIC, OHIO ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SES-QUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to stand before my colleagues in the House to pay special tribute to a special community in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On August 17 and 18, 2002, the community of West Leipsic, Ohio is celebrating a truly monumental event—its Sesquicentennial Anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, West Leipsic, Ohio is one of a number of wonderful communities in Northwest Ohio. West Leipsic is located in the heart of the Fifth Congressional District in Putnam County. Throughout its long and traditionalfilled history, West Leipsic has established itself as a model community.

We, in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, are blessed to have such warm communities, like West Leipsic. The folks who live in West Leipsic are truly some of the most terrific people. They are good friends and neighbors, colleagues and coworkers, and, together, they form a close-knit family all sharing a commonbond centered around their dedication to their community.

Over the years I have served in elected office, I have had the good fortune to travel to West Leipsic many times. Each time I visit, I am greeted by friendly people who truly know how to make you feel at home. In West Leipsic, and towns all across the Fifth District, being there is just like being at home.

Mr. Speaker, the individuality of the American culture, the freedom of the American spirit, is embodied in West Leipsic, Ohio. The community of West Leipsic, for one-hundred fifty years, has certainly been a model after which other communities can pattern themselves. As we begin this Sesquicentennial Anniversary Celebration of West Leipsic, Ohio, I would urge my colleagues to join me in this special tribute. It is my hope that the next century and a half will be just as joyous as the first.

TRIBUTE TO MR. KONRAD K. DANNENBERG

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great member of the North Alabama community, Mr. Konrad K. Dannenberg. On August 6th, Mr. Dannenberg will celebrate his 90th birthday. Throughout his ninety years, Mr. Dannenberg has been a leader in our nation's space program, retiring from Marshall Space Flight Center in 1973 as Deputy Director of Program Development's Mission and Payload Planning Office. Today, Mount Hope Elementary School in Mt. Hope, Alabama is honoring Mr. Dannenberg for his service to their school, the North Alabama community, and the nation.

Konrad Dannenberg, born in Weissenfels, Germany, worked with Wernher von Braun in Peenemunde, Germany and came to the United States after World War II under "Project Paperclip". He later helped develop and produce the Redstone and Jupiter missile systems for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal. In 1960, he joined NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center as Deputy Manager of the Saturn program, where he received the NASA Exceptional Service Medal.

Mr. Dannenberg is a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and was past president of the Alabama/Mississippi Chapter. He was the recipient of the 1960 DURAND Lectureship and the 1995 Hermann Oberth Award. Additionally, the NASA Alumni League, the Hermann Oberth Society of Germany, and the L–5 Society (now the National Space Society) have the benefit of Mr. Dannenberg's membership. In 1992, the Alabama Space and Rocket Center created a scholarship in his name to allow one student to attend a Space Academy session.

Mr. Speaker, as you can tell, during Mr. Dannenberg's career, he was a valuable player in the advancement of our space program and was appreciated by co-workers and important organizations throughout the industry. Following his retirement, he has remained a major influence in the North Alabama community and still serves as a consultant for the Alabama Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville. I want to congratulate Mr. Konrad Dannenberg on his 90th birthday and thank him for the important contributions he has made to our community in North Alabama and the entire United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2002, I was unavoidably absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 309 through 318. For the record, had I been present I would have voted yea on rollcall votes 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 315, and 318, and would have voted nay on rollcall votes 314, 316, and 317.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, during an absence last week, I regrettably missed Rollcall votes 319–323. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall No. 319: "nay"; Rollcall No. 320: "yea"; Rollcall No. 321: "yea"; Rollcall No. 323: "nay".